the Chosen Four

-Chapter 1-
An Earthbound Adventure

Everything has happened so fast...
With Buzz Buzz gone, I'll have to do this alone...
I still don't feel very confident about being a hero.
If only I hadn't talked him into going inside!
He came all this way and...
...I should stop at home and talk to mom, first.
I can't start my adventure feeling like this.
Ness, welcome back! I was worried sick about you! Would you like some steak?
Say no more, Ness. Mothers understand these things!
Mom, I'm sorry but I...
Cheer up, dry those tears, and put a smile on your face! You're a big boy now, so believe in yourself.
She's right! If I keep moping around, I'll never be able to make up for Buzz Buzz's sacrifice! And as long as there's a phone nearby, I'll never truly be alone...
"PING"
UGH! It's happening again!! Something odd is coming!!
Isn't he the bee's knees?
Farewell big brother! Bring me back some candy!!
Mom... Tracy... I promise I'll protect you... and the world!
Heh heh... FOUND YA!

SWOOOOSH
Let's see here...
Name: Ness.
Location: South to the suburbs of Onett.
Likes: Steak.
Favorite Thing: Rockin.
This kid likes rockin? I'll lend him a few of my records.
Ho ho! I landed okay!
ahem
Pictures taken instantaneously!
Sizzle
TWOOM
YOU'RE ON FIRE!! YOU'RE COMPLETELY NOT OKAY!!
I'm a photographic genius,
A snazzy dancer, too...
~whistle
if I do say so myself!
Okay, get ready for an instant memory! Look at the camera... Ready...
Are you completely unaware of how freaked out I am?? Do you really not see that??
Say, "fuzzy pickles."
At least give me some time to think of a cool pose to strike, first!
SNAP!
Wow, what a great photograph!
F-Fuzzy... wuh??
It will always bring back the fondest of memories...

NESS!! WAIT UP!!
That wasn't so bad afterall. At least he didn't stick around, although I'm sure I'll be seeing him again.

There you are! Why didn't you drop by? I have a big surprise for you! It's the greatest discovery this world has ever seen. You must see it. I beg of you.
There he goes again. He's such a liar. Guess I'll humor him for a bit.

Heh heh! STRIIIIIKE!
Okay, okay! Just hurry up, and stop acting so suspicious!

Okay, Ness! It's just down here! ...and through a few tunnels...
So this is the inside of his shack? I'd feel bad for the poor guy if he wasn't such a kook.

Why is it glowing down here? There's no light source...
Ness, get ready to be amazed! This is my proof of a huge treasure to be had!

NESS
NESS...

If this is a sign of what's below, I just need a little time.
You dug this out yourself? It's...strange.
SPARKLE
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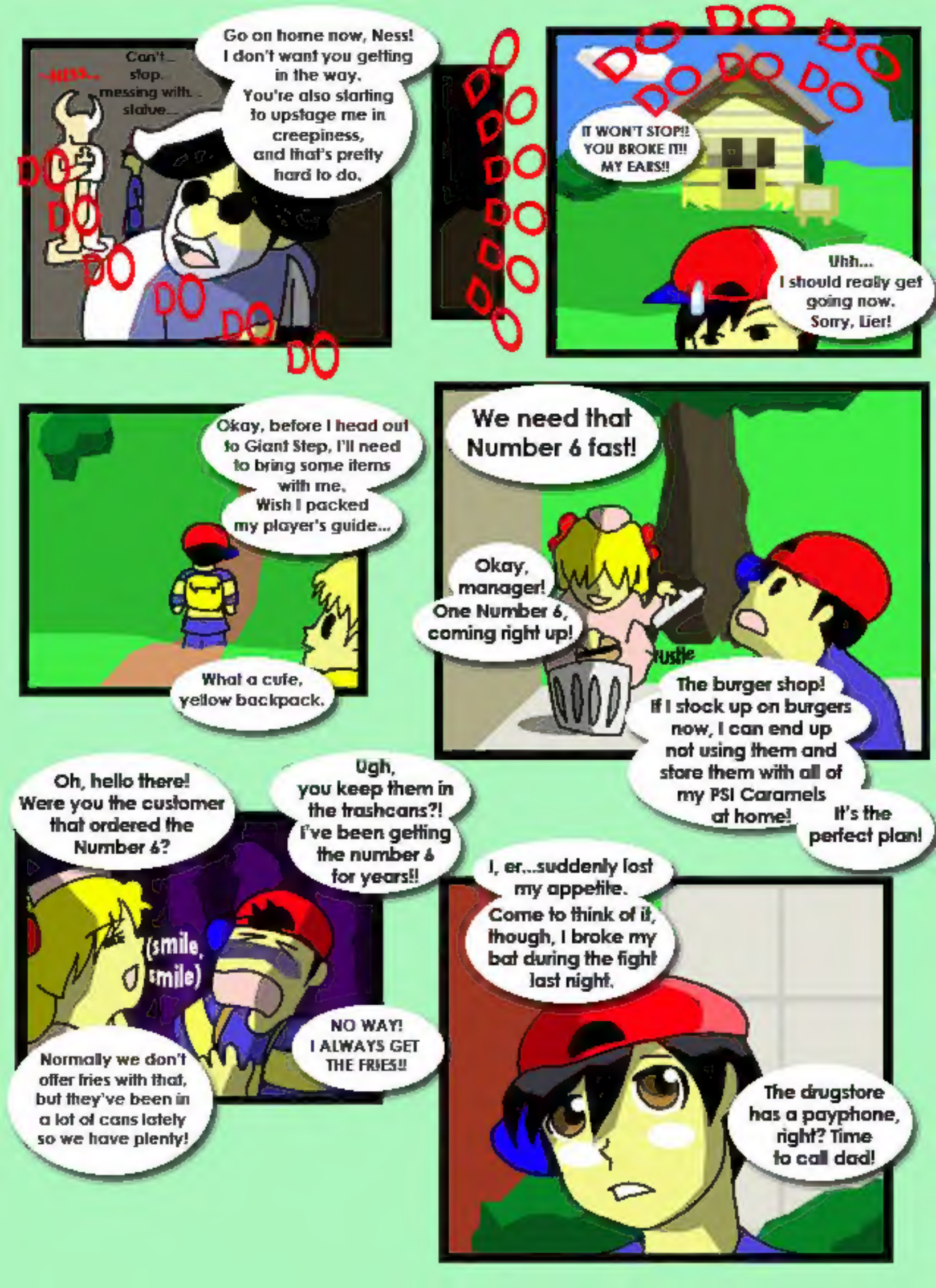


Can't... stop... messing with... statue...
Go on home now, Ness! I don't want you getting in the way. You're also starting to upstage me in creepiness, and that's pretty hard to do.
DO DO DO DO DO DO
DO DO DO DO DO DO DO DO
IT WON'T STOP!! YOU BROKE IT!! MY EARS!!
Uhh... I should really get going now. Sorry, Lier!
Okay, before I head out to Giant Step, I'll need to bring some items with me. Wish I packed my player's guide...
What a cute, yellow backpack.
We need that Number 6 fast!
Okay, manager! One Number 6, coming right up!
The burger shop! If I stock up on burgers now, I can end up not using them and store them with all of my PSI Caramels at home!
It's the perfect plan!
Oh, hello there! Were you the customer that ordered the Number 6?
Ugh, you keep them in the trashcans?! I've been getting the number 6 for years!!
(smile, smile)
NO WAY! I ALWAYS GET THE FRIES!!
Normally we don't offer fries with that, but they've been in a lot of cans lately so we have plenty!
I, er...suddenly lost my appetite. Come to think of it, though, I broke my bat during the fight last night.
The drugstore has a payphone, right? Time to call dad!

Oh, Ness, my son! Is it finally time for dad's introduction?
Hi dad! Sorry, but you're just a background character. Can I borrow some money, though?
Ta-dah! What can I get with 100 dollars? Can I get a BAT?!
Let's see... You could either get a bracelet or a bat, but not both.
I'll take the bat!! Bracelets are for girls, and besides, it looks kind of cheap.
You, sir, have definitely made the right choice.
I GOT A BAT!! AW YEAH, I GOT A BAT!! BAT-TASTIC!
I'm going to hit SO many things!!
Heh heh... First on the list is to take down some Sharks. Those punks are all mine, now.
GLARE
GACK
PUNCH
My mother is NOT a Booka!!
Dad... I need... money...
Ness, I deposited 14 dollars into your bank account.
GUH!
How... much more...?
Ness, stop calling from the drugstore! You're at negative 40 dollars!!
Oh, you're back! Need anything else?
...and could you please stop bleeding on our floor...?
One cheap bracelet, please...

Hyuk hyuk!
The arcade is OURS!
Think you can sneak inside, eh??
Frank has the high score on every game and it'll STAY that way!
Since he sucks so badly at A-Team: The Pinball Game, nobody sets foot inside except us Sharks!!
Agh!
I just wanted to play that new Nintendo shooter, "Localization: NEVER!" The one where you shoot down Earthbound fans over and over again!
Well, well.
We meet again.
You guys mind if I join in?
KONK
KONK
You?!
How did you heal all of that damage?!
Well, somehow after fighting I noticed when I lift my hands up like this, I suddenly feel a lot better!
Wee~!
But enough of that!
Let's RUMBLE!
Kya ha!
NESS vs Sharks
Ready...
FIGHT!
40 HIT!
40 HIT COMBO!
All of those years playing Super Street Fobbies really paid off!
He's insane!!
We need back up, or he'll break Frank's high scores for sure!!
GURK!

RUUURRRAAAHHHH! CALL FOR HELP ALL YOU WANT, IT WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!
What now, spanky?
Pogo Punk E, the strongest of the Pogo Punks, arrives!
Let's get 'em! Circle and surround him, then attack one at a time!
Kya ha! You're done, chubs!
ROOOOAR!!
BLAM! POW! ZOWIE?
Mwa ha ha ha!
Battle ready Ness! All accessories included!!
Missed one...
This kid is a demon! He'll devour my soul!!
Nobody escapes!! Do you know how much this bracelet cost me?!
Pogo Launcher! GO!
Craaaap! His level is WAY too high!
G...UH... U-Uh... H-Hello there, g-good sir...
CRALK
Hi! Take me to Frank. Now.

Frank!
You've been running these streets for far too long! If you want a real battle between eternal rivals, I'll give you the fight of the century!
Well, well. We meet at last, eh? You're the one who's been stomping out my boys? You're still in diapers! Too bad you're not a REAL man, or I'd consider you my rival!
Heh heh! You've got guts, kid. You really want to see how real men battle?!
FRANK VS NESS
Bring it ON!
Here goes nothing!!
You'll wet your pants! Go crying home to mama! This is the real deal! THE BATTLE OF REAL MEN!
ROOOAAARR ARUUUUUURGH!
GRAAAAAAAAAH! HUUUURGHHHHH!!
REAL MEN YELL THE LOUDEST!!
I'M YELLING LOUDER, I'M WINNING!!
FUUUUUNGRAH!! CAPTAIN CRUUUUUUNCH!
BLAAAAAARGH! YOYOMAAAAAAAAA!!

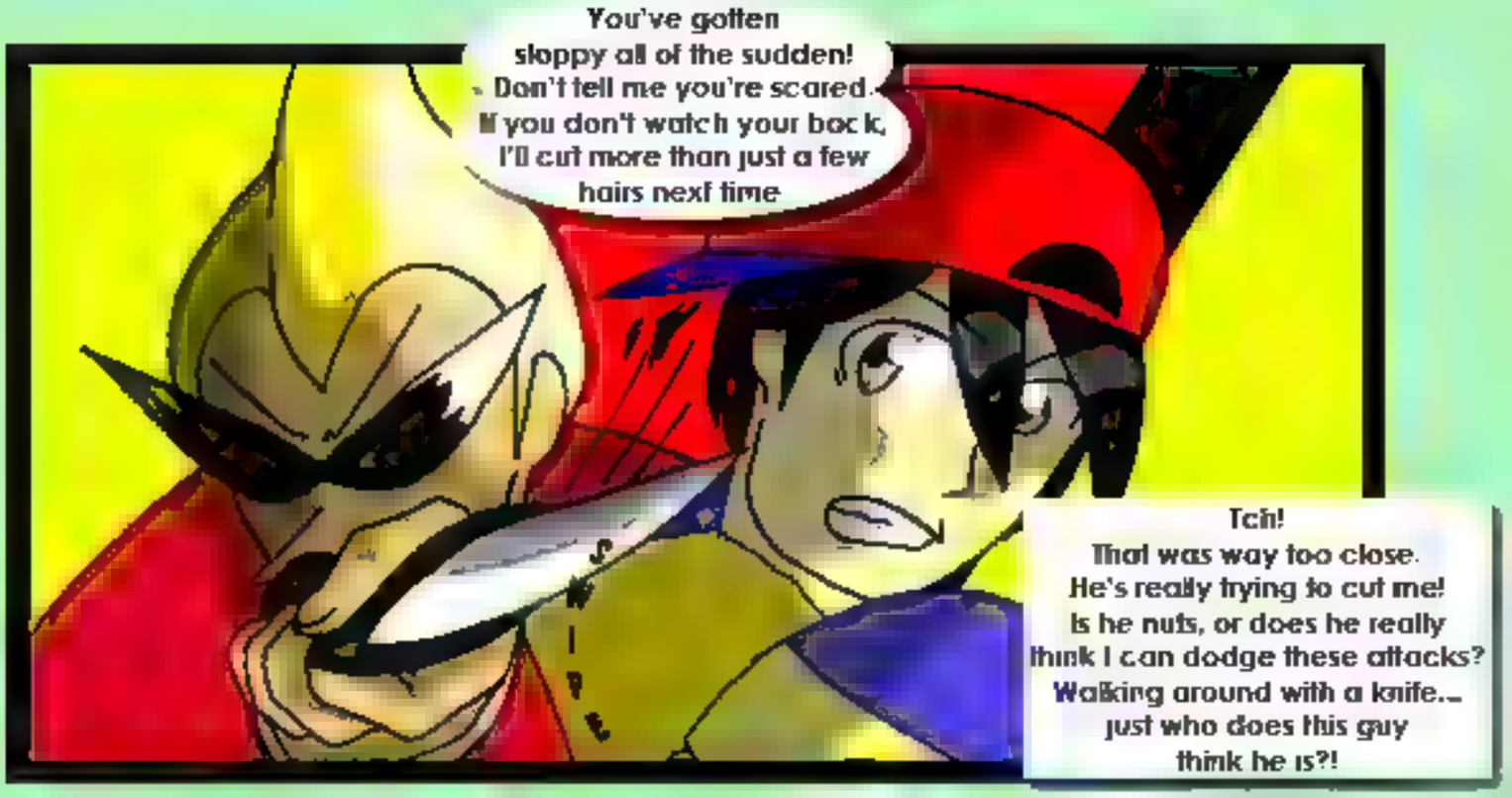
Ooh, it's getting worse! I can't watch! I just don't have the stomach for this kind of stuff.

FRANK vs NESS : ROUND 2

(Now with more background fire)

This is it! The final stage of our battle! I will now recognize you as a real man, Ness. You have surpassed my expectations!

So you notice my power at last! I'm ready anytime! Afterall, a real man fights with...


You've gotten sloppy all of the sudden! Don't tell me you're scared. If you don't watch your back, I'll cut more than just a few hairs next time
SWIPE
Tch! That was way too close. He's really trying to cut me! Is he nuts, or does he really think I can dodge these attacks? Walking around with a knife... just who does this guy think he is?!

Remember this, kid! The name is "Fail-proof" Frank! I've been at this too long to lose to the likes of you!
"Fail-proof", huh? What kind of nickname is that?

I obtained if during my infant years. You see, when I was but a diapered Frank I had forty gangs under my rule
Agoo-
My power grew so greatly that when I held up a knife, nobody would question me

Aheh.
-slick
So, I became unable to fail at anything I did! Unfortunately, nobody could really follow me because I hadn't learned to speak.

I'm "Smash-your-face" Ness! Maybe I can get another level before your boss stops talking.
Yeah baby! Now I can speak and the Sharks are mine! We're going straight to the top!
Agh, stop attacking me! I gave up on page 24!!

What's wrong, Frank?
Suddenly you've gotten really slow.
Surely you didn't "fail" to hit me, right?
swipe
I turn my back for a second to tell my life story and he levels up!
How could that guy've been worth so many exp points, anyways?
Ha ha!
His monologue gave me just enough time!
Wait!
Maybe the problem is this kid.
There's something special about him, that's for sure.
I've never met such an opponent, but I feel like he could be much stronger.
Er.
hey- where'd he go?
Alright!
Time for a sneak attack!
GURK!
He got me!
This kid actually landed a critical hit on me!
SMAAAAAAASH
W WUH?!
MY HAIR!
You BENT my perfectly stylish fin!
This hairstyle is the life and heart of all Sharks!!
Ha ha!
Hey, don't worry!
You can always change your name to "Flat-top" Frank.
LOOM
You've done it now.
This is something even I cannot forgive. Jess, I spend four hours getting this fin just right every morning!
By the time this traffic is over, you'll be dying to go to heaven.
Hmm.
If I buy you some hair gel, can we just call it even?

Looks like he's finally getting serious.
I guess all of that "final battle" talk was just for show.
Well, as long as I stay on guard, I...
H...Huh?!
Where did he go?
Don't tell me he ran off to get his hair fixed...
rustle
rustle
Ness, the REAL final
Don't think you can just run away, either.
Boss fight don't
Meet "Frankystein Mark II."
A creation of advanced technology that is impenetrable to any weaponry!
That's "Frankystein Mark II."
I made up the name, by the way.
ashhh
Wait, where are you??
Inside?
Come out, Frank!
I'll shave your head!!
Hah!
You're hopeless!
What the heck?!
He really is nuts!
He's absolutely nuts!!
I barely need to lift a finger, now!
You're no longer a challenge, Ness.
CRACK
Ugh!
That hit alone nearly finished me...
NESS!
You don't have time to be looking away!!
You cannot survive my strongest attack if you don't even try!
Hurk!
N-No way!
I don't have the HP to survive a hit like this..!
The only thing I can do is try to strike quickly while he's readying the next attack...
BASH
SMASH
BLAM!
If I hit him enough times, surely a crack in his armor will appear..
Urgh...
This is impossible..
I'm not putting a dent anywhere I attack.
I'm getting low on PP so even with time to heal I'll be out of options soon...
What should I do...?
~hurt
~pum

I...how am I still conscious?
I... I guess I was able to fight using my guts afterall.

I can't move my body, though...
My PP is gone...
One HP left...

I didn't want this battle to end so soon.
I'm disappointed, Ness.
You're no match for Giant Step at this rate.

Everything is starting to blur..,
Frank...
If only I could attack him directly...

Consider yourself lucky.
Nobody has ever stood their ground against Frankystein for this long!

Wait...
A glimmer of hope!
I think I see Frankystein's big weakness!

I understand, though.
Frankystein has no opening!
You put up a good fight.
Ness!

Ai, what're you doing?

This is it!

GRIP

THRUST

Hurgh!
N-No way!!
You broke through Frankystein s ultimate defense!!

SLAM

...and bent my nose...
N ..Not cool...

For some unexplained reason, Frankystein Mark II suddenly combusted and ceased to exist.

Fortunately I can just roll right out of the backdoor

Well, looks like I was wrong in the end.

LICK

You're definitely strong.
A lot stronger than I gave you credit for
You may not believe it, but ...this is my first defeat

Our battle is over at last.
You can rest at ease now

As of this moment, "Fail-proof" Frank is now just "failure" Frank.

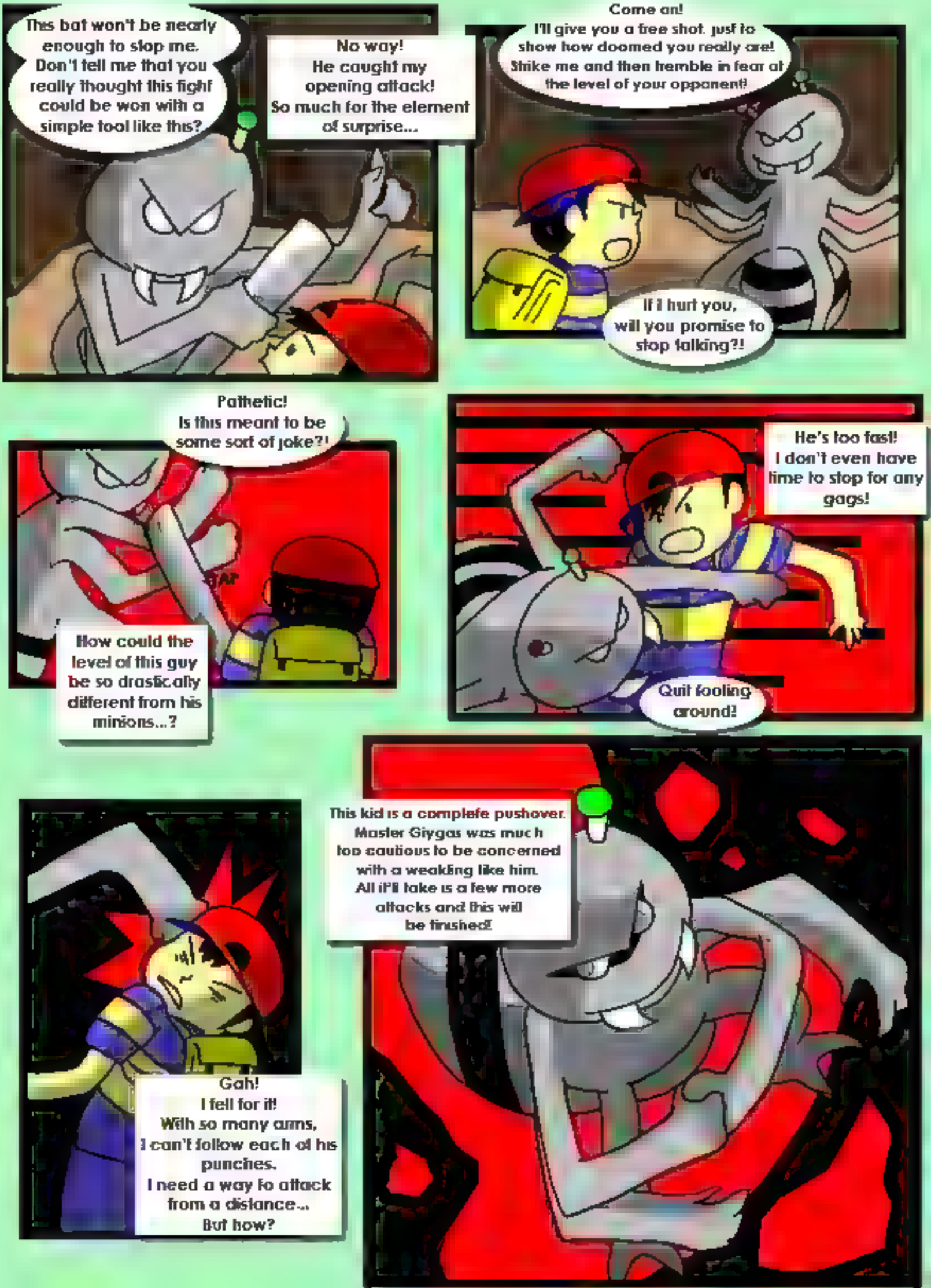
Ness, my gang tells me you were on your way to Giant Step. We like to keep tabs on all of the people walking the streets of Onett, you see
Put your shades back on, you're creeping me out!
sparkle *parkle*
Giant Step is a powerful spot that has a mysterious aura about it.
I finally understand. it must be intended for you.
Frank seemed like a brute. but I guess he's a pretty bright guy
The power stored there will allow you to perform wondrous feats.
I can only imagine it will make you even stronger
Unfortunately a monster showed up recently and sucked up all of the power there.
Head to City Hall next. Ness Pirkle, the mayor of Onett, holds the key to the path you seek.
The old goat locked me out of the shack there. It was my temporary home until I "borrowed" this arcade
Perhaps we can be friends after this. Frank's a pretty good guy!
Ness, you are now stronger than I!
Your adventure begins!
Let me send you off with a parting gift!!
A way of saying thanks for giving me a REAL
And so, Ness continues his journey once again, only with a new outlook on life
Ugh!
I have to get this gal out of my hair before anyone sees me!!
~DASH

TOWN HALL
Okay, next stop! I just wanted to go straight to Giant Step, but I guess I would have ended up here no matter what.
Now which way do I go? I usually wouldn't even think of setting foot in a place like this. Was defeating Frank really big enough to get me a meeting with the Mayor? Heck, maybe I can get my own clothing line!
A cap? I only know about stray dogs. They don't wear caps. Ask that boy
Hey! A red cap! You're the boy who defeated Frank! Come with me, the Mayor wants to meet you!
Alright! I'm already a hero!
Here we are! The Mayor's office!
No way!! Our Mayor is really Sherman Hemsley?! Righteous!
It's an honor to meet you, sir! I hope to be moving on up in the world soon!
Well done, young lad! What a fine reference.
W-E-R-D U-P!
...
That's what you kids are saying these days, right?
Hey, hey hey! Wakka wakka! ...Don't look at me like that.
Are you serious? Who's this bozo? Please don't tell me this guy is the boss of my man George Jefferson over there.
It's an honor to meet you, kid! I'm Mayor B.H. Pirkle.
Word on the street is that you beat up the town bullies, punched them out big time, kicked their butts, bit their heads off, spit in their eyes, and made them wet their pants
Now we're worry free and the streets are safe! Thank you!
Heh heh! You know me so well, Mr Pirkle, sir! Well, maybe I didn't do all that, but I sure did beat this one Shark REALLY badly!

Ho ho!
Young kiddo, so what exactly was it you needed help with?
Could it be that you want me to unlock the shack for you?
But I'm much too busy.
Whatever shall we do!
Ooh I've got it!
How about I give you the key, so that way you can unlock it!
Then, once you clean up the shack there, as I know a great hero like you would, how about you sweep around Giant Step and maybe cut the grass a little bit?
Ho ho! It's agreed, then!
You snake. You rotten snake!
Give me the key already!
I'll give that monster your home address before I come back!!
Ugh!
The nerve of that guy!
He just slapped the key in my hand and threw me outside!
Oh well.
As long as I don't have to talk to him again.
Hi mole!
Enjoy your cameo!
Thanks, Ness!
See ya around!
Oh me!
Oh my!
We're locked out of our shack!
Whatever shall we do?
Don't look.
Just ignore them and keep moving
click
If he stopped to say hi, we'd give him a charm!
It's quite a bit useless, but still protects from harm!
I made it at last!
It took spending 98 dollars on a really cheap bracelet, defeating a street gang, dealing with a sleazy mayor, and passing by two very disturbing people.
Now, it's on to Giant Step!

This is actually kind of freaky. I've never really set foot in a cave before and it always looked as if you could get to the top from the outside... What if there are more wild animals in here? What if Bigfoot lives here?!
Of course! Giant Step... Bigfoot definitely lives here! I don't care if this place has some other monster but Bigfoot is a whole other story. I better hurry up and get through here as fast as I can...
Huh... So this is all I have to worry about, eh?
Kick
Kick
Oh no! I ran right into them!! If all of these enemies get a surprise attack on me at the same time, I'll be finished!
Suddenly this cave just got a lot more fun! If this is all you have to offer, maybe I'll stick around and show you some kicks of my own!
He's literally kicking my butt!
Considering how tiny you guys are, one big swing should be more than enough!
SMAAASH!!
And as for you two... Well.. It's a good thing I happen to have some salt packets, isn't it?
Hyargh! You cheatin' dog! We'll be ruining a picnic in your future, that's for sure! Hyarr!
John! It's him! The enemy of all bug-kind!
Marsha... Do not be afraid... He smells fear...

After crossing through the caves and beating helpless creatures, Ness made quick work of Giant Step's trials.
It's getting brighter... Maybe this is the exit!
You've made it at last. I've been waiting here for quite some time. Did you have fun crushing my minions?
So, this is the monster Frank mentioned...
This is the first "Your Sanctuary" location. Unfortunately for you, this is the only location you'll ever get near.
H- He wasn't kidding. This thing really is a monster Good thing the other ants weren't this big...
Well, aren't you going to speak? You came all this way we could at least exchange a few words before I crush you!
My name is Titanic Ant. I like oversized picnics and terrorizing magical locations How about you?
My name is Ness! I like steak and beating things with my bat! Your face, for example.
Oho! You're an interesting hero, that's for sure.
Well then, it's a pleasure to meet you. And now with the introductions out of the way...
I'll remove you from this world! A puny creature such as yourself is no match for an ant of my size! You dare to confront me?
SLAP
Gah! He's a lot faster than he looks!

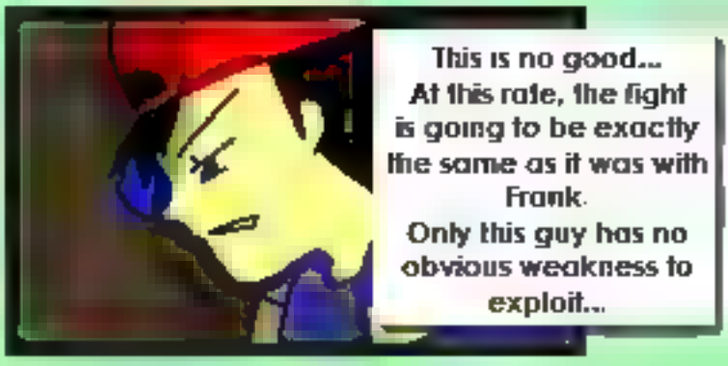

This bat won't be nearly enough to stop me. Don't tell me that you really thought this fight could be won with a simple tool like this?
No way! He caught my opening attack! So much for the element of surprise...
Come on! I'll give you a free shot, just to show how doomed you really are! Strike me and then tremble in fear at the level of your opponent!
If I hurt you, will you promise to stop talking?!
Pathetic! Is this meant to be some sort of joke?!
How could the level of this guy be so drastically different from his minions...?
He's too fast! I don't even have time to stop for any gags!
Quit fooling around!
This kid is a complete pushover. Master Giygas was much too cautious to be concerned with a weakling like him. All it'll take is a few more attacks and this will be finished!
Gah! I fell for it! With so many arms, I can't follow each of his punches. I need a way to attack from a distance... But how?

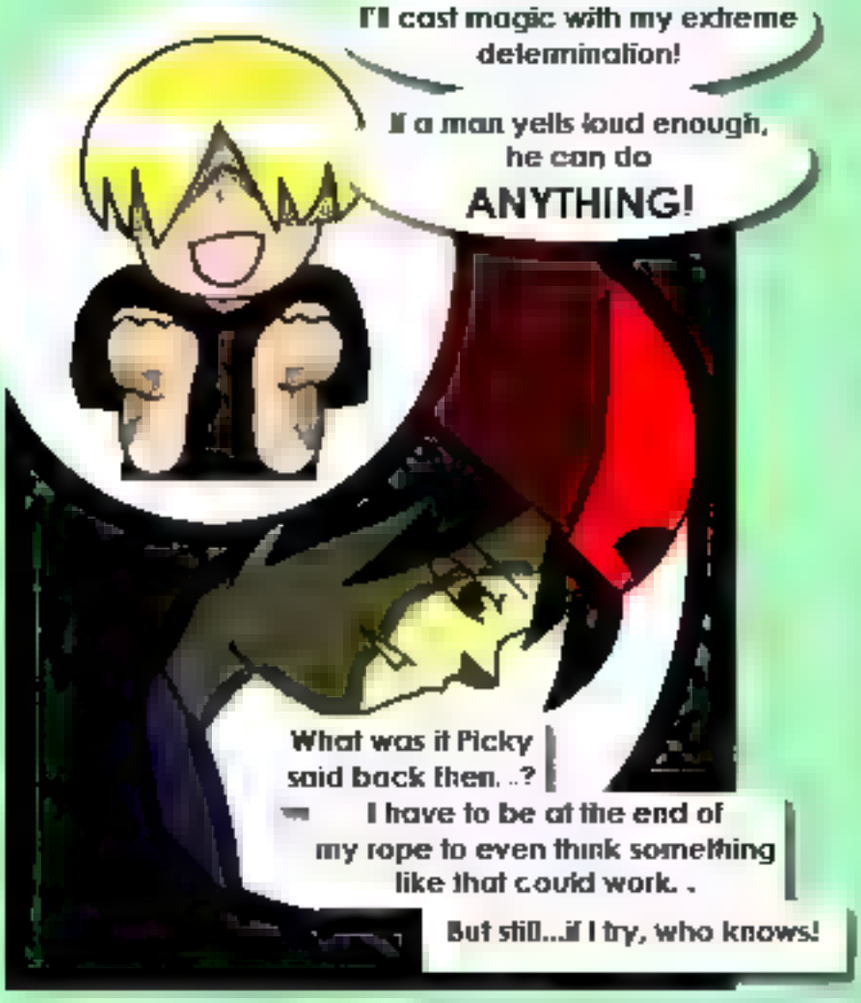
If you think I'll let you get close enough to attack, you're wrong! I've figured out a way to hit you and keep my distance at the same time!
Oho, did you now? This should be fun. Well then, why don't you show me your amusing scheme?
Here goes! My mobile bot attack! If I throw it at full force, it'll hit you from clear across the room!
Pointless! It'll never hit me from clear across
KONK
Gah! It hit me from clear across the room!
Grr... That really hurt! This brat managed to harm me with such a poor attack!!
Ha ha! I did it! Not only did it catch you off guard, but I did a lot of damage as well!
Uh, yeah, so that hurt and all, but you sorta threw away your only weapon and I have more than enough strength to keep you seperated from it.
Aw, nuts. I'm not even sure where it landed anyways
Now that you're done wasting my time, I guess I'll take advantage of this perfect opening!
BASH
Agh! He managed to get close to me again! My only actual plan gave him complete control of the fight...

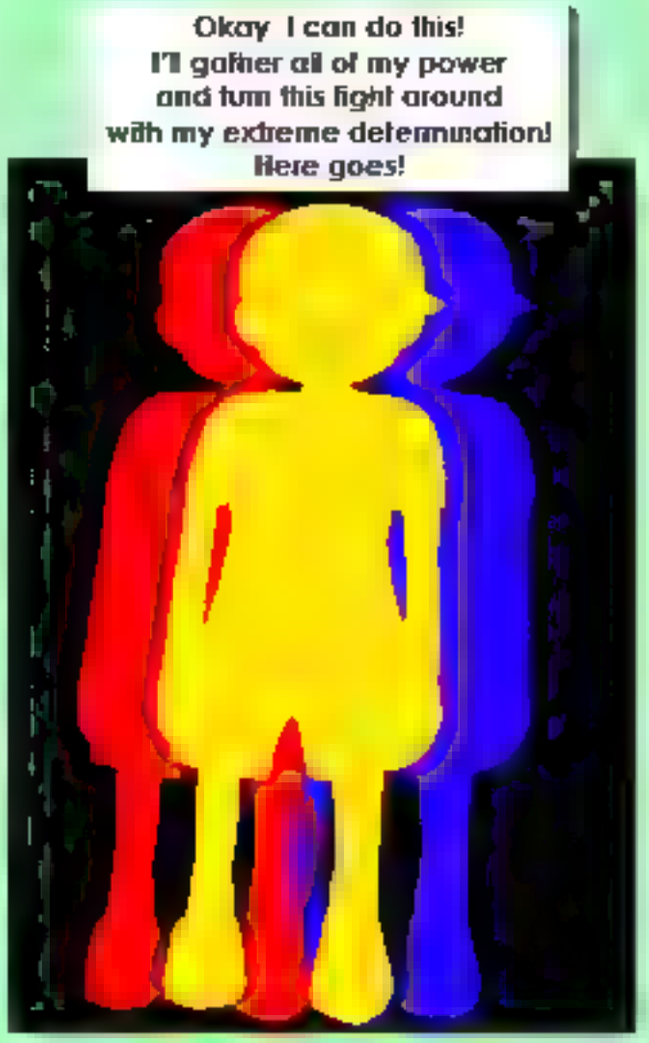
You have a lot more strength than I accounted for. To even be able to get back up after a hit like that is pretty impressive.
If I give up here... I'll lose half of my money... I can't afford that! I'll do anything to keep all twenty of these dollars!!

BAM!
Well said! But you're going to lose...

BASH!
...more than just your money!!


This is no good... At this rate, the fight is going to be exactly the same as it was with Frank. Only this guy has no obvious weakness to exploit...


I'll cast magic with my extreme determination!
If a man yells loud enough, he can do ANYTHING!
What was it Picky said back then...?
I have to be at the end of my rope to even think something like that could work...
But still...if I try, who knows!


Okay I can do this! I'll gather all of my power and turn this fight around with my extreme determination! Here goes!

C'mon, C'mon, C'mon!! I can do this! I know I can!
I don't really get the whole PP thing, but I know that when I'm hurt
I somehow manage to heal myself using that green stuff!
It must be some sort of magic, so all I have to do is yell a lot and naturally
I'll be able to cast all kinds of spells! Fire! Ice! ..Love? YES! LOVE!
Anything, it doesn't matter, just as long as I yell hard enough!!

REALLY, WHO WOULD USE AN ATTACK CALLED GIFTS?!
I'LL HAVE TO IMPROVISE HERE!
ROOOOOOOOOAR!
TAKE THE POWER OF SUPER SPECIAL ROXXOR!
PSYCHIC ATTACK LOVIN'!
I'M YELLING REALLY LOUDLY
RIGHT NOW!!!!!
HYAAAAAAAAAAA!
C mooooooon!
Magic powers, activate!
Magic Power HAMMER!
Special Attack BOXING!
Ultra Combo GAMING!
Secret Skill...uh...SLIME!
Odd Attack Named GIFTS!
...I'm running out of ideas...
I think I went and beat this kid into insanity... Maybe I shouldn't have hit him in the head so much... Does he really think something so ridiculous will actually work? That kind of nonsense only happens in comics!

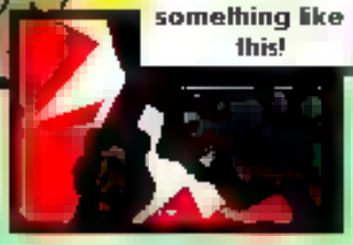
I'm starting to sense something! It feels like there's power rushing throughout my body... I think I'm casting magic! The only way to find out... is to yell even louder!
There is... absolutely no way... this is actually working... The energy coming off of him... The power I feel... It's all fake. It's just not possible.
It's so impossible, I'm even too dumbfounded to attack him.
The energy is becoming a lot more focused now! Only problem now is I don't know what to do with it... And I haven't thought up a cool attack name yet... No worries, though! I'll definitely come up with a plan! Because...
IF A MAN...
YELLS LOUD ENOUGH...
HE CAN DO...
ANYTHING!!
~FWOOSH
~SWOOSH
BWOOSH!!
HE ACTUALLY DID IT!!
I ACTUALLY DID IT!!

Wait a second...
All he managed to do was gather energy,
but he has no idea how to use it!
If he can't even perform a proper attack,
then all I have to do is finish him before he uses that power...

Somehow, this is starting to feel familiar...
Think, Ness...,
I know how to use this magic
But...wait, no! I understand now, it's not magic...
If I can...think...
That's it! If I can't use the energy with my body, then I'll use it with my mind!

This feels almost natural.
How long have I known how to use power with my mind?

It was.
something like this!



Aa!
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I see it!!

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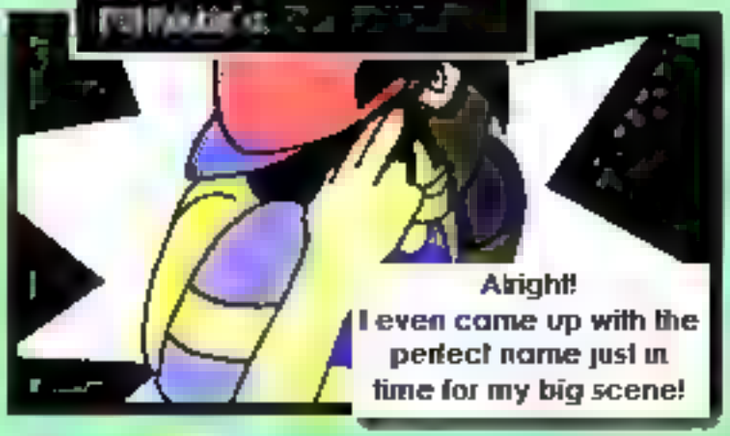
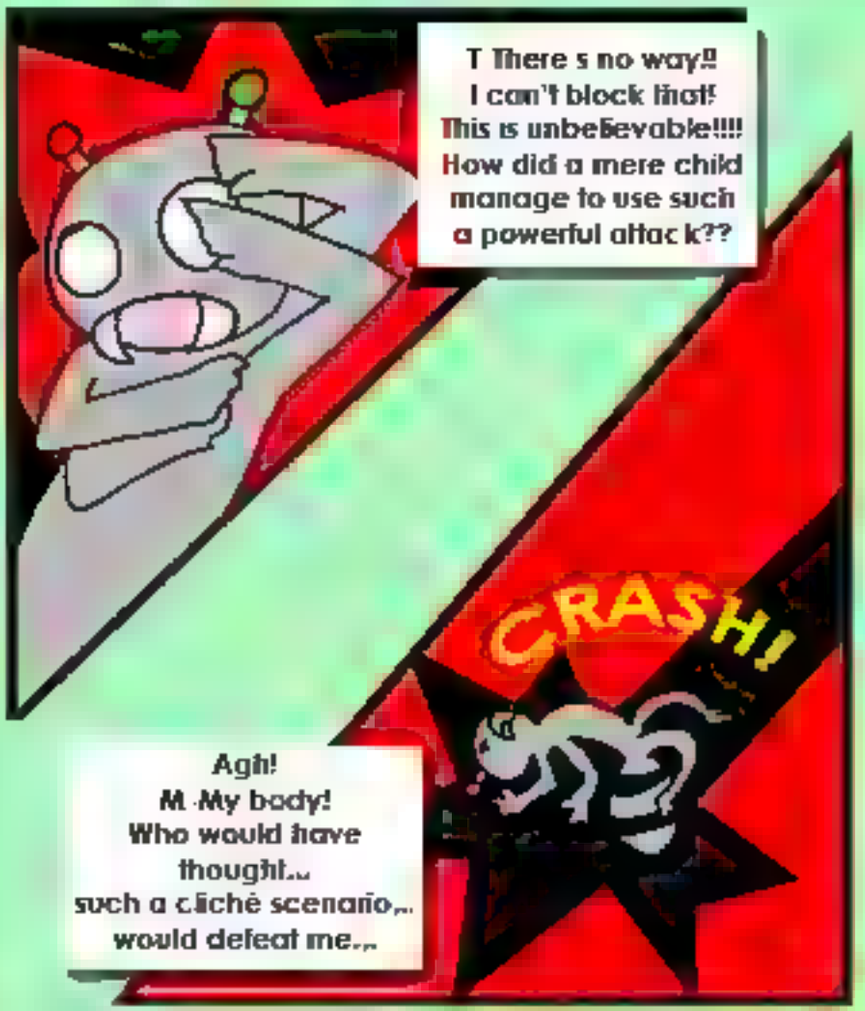


Alright!
I even came up with the perfect name just in time for my big scene!

If I can't use my guts to defeat you.
I'll win with my psychic power!
Shouting as loud as my mind can yell.
I'll declare my victory with this next attack!!

T There s no way!!
I can't block that!
This is unbelievable!!!!
How did a mere child manage to use such a powerful attack??



Agh!
M-My body!
Who would have thought...
such a cliché scenario...
would defeat me...

I did it!
I feel like a real hero now that I have my signature special attack...
I'm still not quite sure of the details, but at times like this you just have to smile and look kind of cool.
G...Gah...
Oh...
You have defeated me at last...
Before I go, I must tell you my story...
No.
I've learned my lesson about letting enemies tell their background story
I was but a tiny Titanic Ant...
I spent my days on a tiny gigantic ant farm with the other tiny massive ants...
He's completely ignoring me...
If I don't wrap this up quickly he may keep me here all day.
I'll have to think of a delicate way to end this.
Suddenly, the Titanic Ant peacefully passed away
NO! STOP TALKING!
BASH!!
BASH!!
BASH!!
Then, when I was five, I—
GAH! THE PAIN!
BASH!!
BASH!!
BASH!!
Wow...
I can already feel this sanctuary's energy all the way from the cave's exit...
That weird glow is gone...
I can finally go outside to where the Giant Step is!
I've always heard it was a strange place, but I just never really thought much about what left that kind of print.
I guess Bigfoot was a myth afterall...
This is already incredible. and I haven't even examined anything yet!

I wonder what I'm suppose to do here, though... Maybe I get some new kind of bat?!

The sun is really bright here and it's actually pretty peaceful for a place that was sitting at the end of a weird cave. I guess the animals don't really come near this spot.

Oh, wow... For some reason I suddenly feel as if an image is appearing in my mind... Maybe this is a message of some kind?

Ness caught a glimpse of a small, cute puppy.

Woof!

Thanks, Ness! Even though I'm just a baby, you let me appear again in the story. You are truly dog's best friend.

Hey, it's King! I was just a baby when he was little, so I don't remember him like this...

Hmm...the Sound Stone is reacting to something.. I think I understand how to use this properly now.

DO DO DO DO, DO DO DO, DO DO..

It's playing...a piece of a melody? I guess this was the special power of the spot? So if I get them all, I can play a really cool song? Alright!!

Okay, time to go! Now I have even more reason to finish this quest! I want to hear just how great this melody is, and I know there's plenty more where that came from!

Hm.
Buzz Buzz never really said where to go next, but I guess I'm aiming for where the next special place would be found
Since I'd rather not go back to see the mayor, I think I'll just toss the key he gave me into the bushes over here
Hey! Kid!
The board says "Do Not Enter," Couldn't you read it?
DON'T ENTER
I don't see any sign like that around here. The one back there just says "Don't Enter"
You KNOW what it says!!
They both mean the same exact thing, regardless!
What a rebellious kid!
Get your butt to the Onett Police Station later!
I've been on such a roll lately. I have no problem beating up more punks and taking their turf!
I always wanted my own police station.
Man...
That kid is bad news.
He's the most dangerous criminal scum I've ever seen...
Goodbye Mr. Officer!
I'll be sure to drop by later on, good sir!
Huh...
I didn't realize it before, but the secret hideout is around here, right?
I wonder what those guys are up to...
Maybe I'll drop by before I head to the police station.
I'm not sure if I'll be back here anytime soon...
Ness, old pal!
I haven't seen you in awhile!
It's me!
Smelly Guy!
Something smells a bit funky...
Oh! That's..
Smelly Guy!

Ness, we were watching everything! You totally chased off that cop!
Way to go, slugger! We heard you took out the Sharks! Were any of them female? Were they cute??
You're really brave, Ness. I'm so impressed. I decided that I'll give you my Mr. Baseball cap. I bought it so I could be just like you, but it's too big for me.
Ness. You seem like you accomplished something even bigger than what we know. Perhaps we can talk about it over some tea and cookies.
Ho ho! I've become something of a local celebrity but I'm not THAT awesome. Well, okay, I am!
You've grown into quite the man, Ness. You're so cool!
Hee hee. I guess I did get a little taller.
I...I think I really like you, Ness.
Blush
Yeah. Uh... I think I need to get going now. I have to hit cops with a bat.
Bring back a lot of cute girls! Please!!
Great! I finally got the Mr. Baseball cap! Faceless Cap Kid really helped me out! For an NPC with no real name, he sure is a good pal.
Well, here we go. I wonder if they'll try to arrest me. Ha! Yeah right. What kind of cops would assault a kid?
Well, well. What a bold young man! You are very brave, but VERY foolish. To walk into the domain of Captain Strong after committing a crime is just asking for an ultimate throwdown.
Come to think of it. I've never even been inside this place before. I wonder who I should look for?
Justice...will be served.

Now, are you ready to pay for your crimes?
Beating up the Sharks was great, but you trespassed into Giant Step and really freaked out my officer. Nevertheless, I am happy to meet you.
So now that you've disturbed Onett, are you going to hit Twoson next?
At times like this, kids like you should be playing Nintendo games.
Unless you want to play Mother 3, in which case... Nintendo will find you and burn your house down.
They... burned it all...
The fiends...
I know!
Let's make a deal.
I'll give you an awesome fight sequence. but only if you let me through to Twoson.
YES! This is what I was waiting for!!
I was hoping I'd get a chance to fight a little kid today!!
Wow, I think I just made this guy's day...
Okay, follow me.
If you want to fight me, you'll have to pass a test, first.
Wait, what?
We are the Captain's strongest men!!
Fear our fists of fury, and be prepared for the beating of a life-time!!
Why do these things always have to happen?!
Wait a minute..
There are suppose to be five men here.
Where did he go?
N-NOOO WAY!!
You can forget about me, I'm outta here!!
That monster kid will destroy us ALL!!!

Eeeyaaah! You're going to get rocked, fat boy!
We, Captain Strong's elite officers, have NEVER lost a battle!
Sure, we haven't had any fights yet, but that still means we're undefeated!
YEAAAAAAAAAH!!!
There's no way we'll lose, except for if we lose!
CRACK
SMASH!!
My mom packed me a big lunch!
That's not a battle cry, I'm just really happy
I'm a lot stronger now! These cops should be as tough as Frank, but they hardly withstand a single attack!
Incredible...
Not only did he defeat each officer in a single hit, he also avoided using his bat after the first fight.
If he were serious, these officers would be a lot worse off.
The other three, at least.
Okay, boy, you pass! There is no way I can beat you in a straight competition so...
...get ready for my "Super Ultra Mambo-Tango-Foxtrot martial arts!"

The "Super Ultra Mambo-Tango-Foxtrot martial arts" came to me one day while I was training at Summers.
A sophisticated dance that mixes grace,...
...and superior posing power, capable of striking absolute beauty at a moment's notice!
I knew instantly... This technique was unstoppable... like the crashing of a violent wave, beautiful yet deadly...
Wait, weren't we going to fight??
Why do I get the feeling this is about to get a whole lot worse...?
Super...Ultra,... Mambo-Tango-Foxtrot... martial arts!!
No way!! I can picture it all with my mind! It's even more clear when I close my eyes!!
Then, it came to me. After intense weight training, I found my ultimate move!
Pose after pose! I went through every dance I could think of. The Mambo Meltdown! The Tango Terminator! The Foxtrot Finisher! But each by itself was incomplete.
quack?
Finally, back at the station, I finished my technique. The officers were more than pleased.
Feet at ten and two, officer.
sob
?-Please... No more...
And that is how I became the King of the Dance!! I am undefeated in both combat AND style!
...
I continued to train and mastered each dance with help from the local wild life. I danced well into the night each passing day.

If you wish to walk out of here alive, I suggest you quickly prepare your best routine. Otherwise...
So that's how it's going to be? Well, I hate to surprise you, but in school I got an A in FUNK!
You will be crushed under the weight of not only my skills, but the judgement of this glorious disco ball!!
I might not have undergone intense training, but I have a couple moves I've been saving for just this occassion!
PK POSIN'!
I won't lose, even when it comes to dancing!
One - Two - KICK!
One - Two - KICK!!
Very impressive! You are as strong as I had expected. But that level of dance will not beat the mighty leg kicks I practice everyday!
Then I will use my ultimate skill! A combination of dance and rockin'!
PK BREAK DANCIN'!!!
If that's the case, then let me show you my ultimate skill as well! This is the ultimate pose of the Super Ultra Mambo-Tango-Foxtrot martial arts! Anybody who gazes upon its beauty will be immobilized and incapable of fighting!
Whoooa... I feel sick...
whrrr whrrrrr
How intense! He knew such a powerful maneuver? This type of dance is so strong it can create a vortex... A vortex... of AWESOME.
I-it's... beautiful!!

CRACK!
HURK! M-My back!! I can't believe it... My body wasn't able to withstand the power of such an incredible pose...
Well, it looks like you've won... I'm getting too old to keep up with kids like you, with your hippin' and your hoppin'. As thanks for the fight, I'll tell my staff to open the road to Twoson.
Poor guy... He would've won, too.
Strong here... do you read me? A kid named Ness will be along soon. You'll know him when you see him. ...What? ...Yes. ...I know that. He's quite a kid.
Well, kid... I won't ask any questions. You've got something important to do, I assume. But before you go, I want you to take these words to heart...
If a man yells loud enough...
...he can do ANYTHING!
On that day, an unbreakable bond was formed. The young boy, who previously had an ordinary life, was suddenly thrown into a very bizarre adventure. A street gang... A giant monster ant... A bored police force... These are just the beginning of the trials he'll face along his journey. As he says farewell to Onett and embarks on the road to Twoson, the young boy comes to realize... this is only the beginning.
It's him! The boy who beat Captain Strong!!
He has the Captain's legendary crown! He's truly the Lord of the Dance!!
One more bulletin board examined! CHECK-A-ROONY!
Aha! I caught you at last!

The Adventure Continues!